



68 Dracut Street  
Lowell, MA 01854-2497

# FACT SHEET

(978) 453-4114  
www.sjdarc.org

## STATISTICS

- \* Founded in 1910 by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.
- \* Affiliated with the St. Rita Parish community and staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa.
- \* Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.
- \* Co-ed grades Pre-Kindergarten through Eight.

School Hours..... 7:35 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.

## FACULTY/STAFF

Sisters of Charity of Ottawa..... 5  
Lay Teachers..... 24  
Average number of years teaching at SJA..... 18  
Average number of years teaching experience..... 18  
Faculty/Student Ratio..... 16/1  
Faculty with Masters Degrees..... 41%  
Teachers are certified by Massachusetts Dept. of Education

## STUDENTS

2007-2008 enrollment.....466  
Average class size.....23 students  
80% Catholic; 20% non-Catholic  
Students come from 25 Catholic parishes  
Attendance Area: Lowell, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Lawrence, Littleton, Methuen, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Westford, and Wilmington, MA and Hudson, Nashua, Pelham and Windham, NH.

## AREAS OF STUDY

Religion	Social Studies	Music
Language Arts	French	Art
Mathematics	Library Skills	Science
Physical Education	Computer Science	

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Accelerated Courses in Language Arts (Grades 9 - 10),  
Mathematics (Pre-Algebra, Algebra I) and French  
AIDS Awareness Program  
Family Life Program  
Talking About Touching Safety Program  
Junior High Mentors  
Extended Day Program (Open 6:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.)

## PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)  
Parents Arts and Crafts Group  
Athletic Booster Organization

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Altar Servers	National Junior Beta Club
Destination Imagination	Student Newspaper - <i>The Dispatch</i>
French Club	Student Council
Library Media Club	Youth for Christ (Crusaders)

## ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Baseball	Golf	Softball
Basketball	Gymnastics	Tae Kwon Do
Bowling	Intramural Basketball	Tennis
Cheerleading	Ski	Volleyball
Cross Country	Soccer	Yoga
Fencing	Swimming	

## ANNUAL EVENTS

Grandparents' Day	Spelling Bee	Science Fair
Art Fair	May Fair	Student Walk
Catholic Schools Week Open House:	January 27, 2008	

## ALUMNI

Since the first graduating class in 1932, more than 4,200 students have graduated from Ste Jeanne d'Arc School.

## 2007 GRADUATES

Enrolled in private/Catholic high schools..... 30%  
Enrolled in public high schools..... 70%

## TESTING

Terra Nova grades K - 8 annually  
Gates-MacGinitie reading test K - 8 annually  
Otis-Lennon School Ability Test K, 2, 4, 7  
Stanford Math Diagnostics grades K - 8 annually  
ACRE Religion Testing grades 5 and 8

## EDUCATIONAL COSTS 2008-2009

Tuition (Grades K - 8).....\$3,480  
Student Fee (Grades K - 8)..... \$200 per child  
Tuition (Pre-Kindergarten)..... call school for information

Cost per pupil is actually \$4,319. The donated services of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, fundraisers and income from the Advancement Program enable us to charge less than the per-pupil cost.

## FINANCIAL AID

A limited amount of aid is available to families who qualify. Forms are available in the school office. Application deadline: April 1.

Several Memorial Scholarships are offered annually to students who qualify.

Student Council and Beta Club offer scholarships annually.

## BUS SERVICE

Students from Lowell are provided transportation.

## ADMISSIONS

Kindergarten students must be five years old by September 1st of the year they begin school. Students who will be five by December 31st may apply for admission and will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Priority is given to current school families. Admission to all other grades is based on available space and a review by the principal of academic records from the school from which the student is transferring. Please see reverse side for details.

Ste Jeanne d'Arc School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin.

### For admission information, contact:

Principal's Office  
Ste Jeanne d'Arc School  
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# Elementary Program

## Admissions

Ste Jeanne d'Arc School's practice is to admit children based on the following procedure:

- \* Parent contacts the school to place child(ren)'s name on the pre-registration list by filling out the application for admission; at this point there is no financial commitment. Parents are given a brochure and fact sheet and general questions are answered. Families who have applied are invited to the annual Open House and put on our mailing list to receive information relating to admissions.
- \* As openings occur for the following school year, parents on the pre-registration list are contacted to determine if they are still interested in registering. Preference is given to present school families. Children are not tested to screen for eligibility.
- \* Formal registrations are held at an evening meeting. At this time, the principal provides parents with all program and financial information they need to enroll their child. At that time a deposit is required towards the student fee, and paperwork (medical information, baptismal records, and family data) is collected.

## Transfer Students

- \* Students in grades 1 - 7 are accepted on a space-available basis following our re-registration of current students.
- \* Appointments can be made for older children to visit the school and spend some time with students at the appropriate grade level.

Children are accepted at Ste Jeanne d'Arc School solely on the basis of available space. The student body is heterogeneous as to gender, socioeconomic mix, race, and creed. We do not attempt to pre-determine a child's academic potential and promise before acceptance. It is our philosophy to educate each child taking into consideration individual needs and to work with a student's individual potential. We are not equipped, however, to deal with serious learning disabilities and cannot accept children who require some special services that we do not offer.

Kindergarten students must be five years old by September 1st of the year they begin school. Students who will be five by December 31st may apply for admission and will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Kindergarten applicants are rejected only on the basis of space availability. Transfer students may be rejected on the basis of space or special needs that we cannot meet. The final admissions decision is made by the principal.

## Open House

An annual Open House is held the first Sunday of Catholic Schools Week at the end of January and is advertised in the local newspaper. Personal invitations to the Open House are mailed to each family that has expressed interest in the school during the past year. Families are given a tour of the buildings and an opportunity to meet students and staff.